

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Vicki ERNST  
Serial No.: Not yet known  
Filed: Simultaneously  
For: METHOD OF MAKING A PLACE MAT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 30, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.